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1. Trains with VP which came from Ohrdruf and passed through the Gera railroad station toward Glauchau-Chemnitz between 16 and 21 September 1952 included: a train of 20 boxcars and 12 flatcars carrying 24 field howitzers on 16 September; a train of an undetermined number of cars with 600 to 800 VP and 3 tanks on 18 September; a train of 30 boxcars and 6 flatcars carrying bridge equipment and 3 assault boats on 19 September; and a train of 20 boxcars with about 500 VP and billeting equipment, and 24 flatcars carrying 10 AT guns with limbers, 5 trucks and 1 sedan on 21 September. A train of 50 boxcars, 9 gondola cars and 2 flatcars with VP, billeting equipment and trucks loaded with firewood and coal came from the direction of Erfurt and passed through the Gera railroad station toward Glauchau on 23 September. (1)

2. The following troop trains passed through the Wustermark railroad station on 5 and 9 October:

Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
5	3 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with a troop unit, 6 x 37-mm AA guns	Altengrabow	Schoenwalde
			(2)
	11 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with a troop unit and 36 trucks.	Oranienburg	Wustermark
			(3)

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
9	11 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with a troop unit, 12 x 120-mm mortars and about 25 trucks.	undetermined	Doeberitz

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the following railroad cars were to be made available between 8 and 16 October:

On 8 October. Fifteen SSY-type flatcars and 50 flatcars at Fuerstenwalde.

On 10 October. Twenty-nine converted boxcars at Rathenow, 7 converted boxcars at Buschow, and 21 converted boxcars at Premnitz. (5)

On 11 October. Thirteen converted boxcars at Rathenow-Sued. (5)

On 14 October. Ninety-five converted boxcars; and on 15 October, 100 converted boxcars at Wiesenburg. (6)

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On 16 October. Eighty-three converted boxcars at Belzig. (6)

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The following troop trains the Berlin railroad district headquarters between 13 and 16 October:

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
13	27 boxcars and 6 flatcars	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder
	14 boxcars	Neustrelitz	Neuruppin
	15 boxcars	Neustrelitz	Dallgow-Doeberitz
	53 boxcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Gulen
14	13 boxcars and 10 flatcars	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder
	53 cars	Neustrelitz	Frankfurt/Oder
	11 cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Loewenberg
	53 cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Jueterberg-Altes Lager

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14	26 boxcars and 14 flatcars	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder
15	54 cars	Neustrelitz	Altruppin
	36 cars	Vogelsang	Oranienburg
16	24 converted boxcars	Jueterbog- Altes Lager	Falkenberg
	8 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Wiesenburg	Halle railroad district
	15 boxcars and 14 flatcars	Wiesenburg	Halle railroad district
	15 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Oranienburg	Vogelsang

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5. Troop trains [ ] the 4th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district between 9 and 11 October included:

<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9	6 boxcars and 33 flatcars	Dessau	Rathenow
	10 boxcars and 48 flatcars	Dessau	Rathenow
	6 boxcars and 27 flatcars	Halle	Dallgow- Doeberitz
10	17 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Altengrabow	Wildpark
11	27 boxcars and 15 flatcars	Altengrabow	Wildpark
	25 boxcars and 35 flatcars	Altengrabow	Wildpark
	2 coaches, 4 boxcars and 19 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Satzkorn

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6. Between 10 and 13 October, the number of cars with soldiers coming from the U.S.S.R. and dispatched from the Guben railroad station included 156 cars to Frankfurt/Oder, and 105 cars to Cottbus.

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- (1) The following numbers of Soviet military personnel were observed aboard leave trains in Frankfurt/Oder between 5 and 10 October:

Date in October	To Brest Litovsk	From Brest Litovsk
5	190 and 180	220 and 200
6	180 and 180	170 and 200
7	170 and 180	180 and 190
8	190 and 160	180 and 170
9	180 and 190	190 and 190
10	200 and 190	180 and 200

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- (1) [redacted] Comments. The first three trains with VP personnel were confirmed [redacted] who observed three identical trains passing through Meerane (N 51/R 36) toward Glauchau-Zwickau. [redacted] three trains with VP, tanks and AA guns passed through Chemnitz toward Baerenstein south of Annaberg as early as between 11 and 15 September 1952. [redacted] Furthermore, a third [redacted] a cantonment near [redacted] south of Baerenstein had been occupied by VP from 10 to 27 September 1952. [redacted] As elements of an MIB regiment from Annaberg were stationed in the above area, it remains to be seen whether they were relieved by VP.

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- (2) [redacted] the AAA unit belongs to the Twenty-Fourth [redacted] 3rd Army.

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- (3) [redacted] the unit belongs to the Second Gds Heerz Army.

- (4) This troop train probably came from Juetertor where a mortar unit of the 1st Heerz Div held firing practices from 6 to 9 October 1952. [redacted]

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- (5) Between 8 and 12 October 1952, 26 troop trains with units of the Fourth Gds Heerz Army were observed which returned from the Rathenow training area to their home stations. [redacted]

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- (6) The railroad cars were assembled at Wiesenburg and belzig by order of the Berlin transportation headquarters according to which 1,200 cars were to be made available between 11 and 13 October 1952. [redacted] The troop trains [redacted] from Wiesenburg mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present report indicate that the return movement of troops had started upon completion of the field exercises of the Seventh Gds Army.

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- (7) [redacted].
- (8) Shuttle-trains of the 500-series transport soldiers within Eastern Germany.

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- (9) [redacted] was also observed en route from Frankfurt/Oder to Euben on 4 October 1952. [redacted] The train probably once went empty eastward between 4 and 13 October 1952.

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- [redacted] was last observed with soldiers en route from Kuesarin to Cottbus on 2 October 1952. [redacted] As according to the present report, the train left Eastern Germany probably empty on 14 October 1952. It is believed that the same train must once have carried soldiers from the U.S.S.R. to Eastern Germany in the meantime.

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- 25X1 (10) The troop train [redacted] cannot be identified.
- (11) The troop train from Vogelsang to Granisburg carried troops of the 25th Tank Div from the Templin troop training grounds; the same train probably returned empty on 16 October 1952. [redacted] 25X1A
- 25X1A (12) The troop trains from Dessau to Rathenow returned empty from the training area of the Eighth Gds Army. [redacted] 25X1
- (13) The troop trains from Altengrabow to Wildpark were confirmed [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1A [redacted]
- 25X1A (14) Compare with two previous reports [redacted]
- [redacted] The evaluation of the reference reports and the present report indicates that 15 empty shuttle-trains from Guben to Kowal were observed between 12 September and 8 October 1952, and 10 shuttle-trains with recruits to Eastern Germany via Guben between 15 September and 13 October 1952. These 10 trains probably do not belong to the previously reported 22 shuttle-trains, as almost all of the latter were observed on the Gerdeuen-Kuestrin-Frankfurt/Oder railroad line. [redacted] shuttle-train [redacted] shows that a total of 40 to 35 westbound trains with 40,000 to 50,000 recruits has been conveyed from 19 September to mid-October 1952. Almost all of the eastbound trains were reported to have been empty. 25X1

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